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TELECINE:

SUPOSE CAM — Opening Titles:

END TELECINE.

REPRISE: TUNNEL SYSTEM

TEGAN: What happened?

RANGE: I don't know. The Doctor's gone to investigate.

Pan her L.

TEGAN: You take care of him. The Doctor will probably need some hel

185. 1 2/S

RANGE: No, wait /...

Range/Turlough

(BUT SHE HAS GONE)

(GAZING AT TURLOUGH) What happened in there?

Go in gently

(SHAKES HIM GENTLY)

Please tell me. Is my daughter safe?

(TURLOUGH JUST STARES BLANKLY BACK)

3D, 2E, 1D

INT. A LARGE CAVE. DAY 2.

120. 1D /

Norna and Tractators

Pan L. to Doctor as he arrives

(THE DOCTOR PEERS CAUTIOUSLY INTO THE CAVE. IN THE SINISTER GLOW OF HER PHOSPOR LIGHT, RIGID WITH FEAR, NORNA IS SEEN SURROUNDED BY THE WOODLICE CREATURES)

THE DOCTOR: (HISSING TO HIMSELF) So they're Tractators.

(THE CREATURES SEEM TO BE GLOWING FROM THEIR UNDERBELLIES, AND THEIR CONCENTRATION IS EXERTING SOME SORT OF FORCE ON THE GIRL, HOLDING HER IMMOBILE.

121. 2E M/S

Tegan

THE DOCTOR HEARS A GASP, AND GLANCES ROUND TO SEE TEGAN STANDING BESIDE HIM)/

122. 1 M/S /

Doctor

No Tegan. Get back,

123. 2 M/S /

Tegan retreating

(ONE OF THE CREATURES IN THE RING, LARGER THAN THE OTHERS, SEEMS TO BE THE LEADER.

124. 3D Deep 2/S

Doctor/Gravis

125. 2 M/S

Doctor behind rock

(DOCTOR HIDES BEHIND ROCK.

2 Tractators in either side of camera.

HE SUDDENLY REALISES TWO TRACTATORS ARE ADVANCING ON HIM FROM A DIFFERENT DIRECTION.

THEY APPROACH AND THE DOCTOR IS HELD BY THEIR FORCE.)

1D

1. INT. A LARGE CAVE. DAY 2.

126. 1D M/S / (TEGAN ARRIVES SEES THE CONDITION OF THE DOCTOR AND NORNA.

Tegan

DESPARATE TO TRY ANYTHING, SHE FLINGS HER LAMP AT THE LARGEST CREATURE.

She throws lamp

127. 1 G/S /

Norna/Tractators

SEETHING LUMINOUS FOAM SPILLS ACROSS THE GROUND, CAUSING CONSTERNATION AMONG THE TRACTATORS, WHO BACK AWAY FROM THE BURNING FOAM.

Tractators scatter

THE DOCTOR AND NORNA ARE SUDDENLY FREE OF THE TRACTATORS FORCE.

Tegan in

TEGAN: Are you alright Norna?

THE DOCTOR AND TEGAN RUN FORWARD

THEY ARE PERILOUSLY CLOSE TO THE TRACTATORS

Pan them L.

(TO TEGAN) Get her out of here. I'll hold them off.

TEGAN: But Doctor....

Out!!!

(THE DOCTOR
PAUSES TO
LOOK AROUND
FOR A WEAPON
AS TEGAN AND
NORNA RUN
BACK IN THE
DIRECTION
OF THE
ENTRANCE.)

1A, 6C

2. MEDICAL SHELTER. DAY 2

90. 1 A / Ext. door

(BRAZEN AND HIS ORDERLIES SMASH

91. 6 C CU / Int. door

THE NOW BADLY SPLINTERED HOSPITAL DOOR FOR THE LAST TIME.

THE DOOR BURSTS OPEN AND PRECIPITATES THEM OUT INTO:)

1A, 4A 3A

3. EXT. THE HIGH STREET. DAY. 2. (Door Broken)

92. 1A M/S /(BRAZEN RALLIES HIS MEN)

Brazen

BRAZEN: All right, listen. The Retrograde element is out in strength. Emergency discipline procedures obtain from this point on. Desertion, looting or insubordination will suffer the highest penalty. But first we find the Doctor./

Brazen moves out of this

93. 3 MLS /

Brazen

(AT THAT MOMENT RETROGRADES POUR FROM THE SHIP CARRYING AWAY ARMFULS OF GOODS./

94. 4A

Retrogrades

AT THE SIGHT OF BRAZEN THE RETROGRADES SCUTTLE OFF IN ALL DIRECTIONS.

SOME DROP THE FRUITS OF THEIR LOOTING./

95. 3

A/B

BRAZEN CALLING TO THE REST)

BRAZEN: Alright you lot you've got one minute to clear this area!

1H

4. INT. THE TUNNEL SYSTEM. DAY 2.
(R/V AREA)

186. 1H 2/S / (MR. RANGE IS EXAMINING TURLOUGH, HOLDING HIS PHOSPHOR LAMP UP TO THE YOUNG MAN'S GLAZED FACE.

Range/Turlough

Pan fav. Tegan and Norna to 3/S with Range

TEGAN ARRIVES WITH NORNA)

Norna.
RANGE: Oh, thank goodness you're safe. Where's the Doctor?

TEGAN: (HANDING OVER NORNA)
... I'm going back for him.

(MR. RANGE GRABS HER)

NORNA: No ... it's dangerous.

TEGAN: We can't leave him there.

RANGE: Norna, you stay here with Turlough. (cont ...)

(MR. RANGE RUMMAGES IN HIS BACKPACK, AND PRODUCES SOME SPARE PHOSPHOR LAMPS.

RANGE, HANDING A
LAMP TO TEGAN)

RANGE: (cont) I'm coming with you.

TEGAN: (BRAVELY) No. thanks all the same. The Doctor's my responsibility.

(SHE RUNS OFF
WITH THE LAMP.

MR. RANGE
WATCHES HER
GO)

RANGE: It's foolish to go down the tunnels alone.

(HE MAKES A
PAINFUL DECISION
AND TURNS TO
NORNA)

Let Range
out

Look after the boy. I won't be long.

Pan Norna
to 2/S
with Turlough

(HE SETS OFF
DOWN THE
TUNNEL,
FOLLOWING
TEGAN)

NORNA: No!

3D, 2E, 1D

5. INT. A LARGE CAVE. DAY 2.

128. 1D MLS / (THE CAVE IS LIT BY THE DYING LUMINESCENCE OF THE BROKEN PHOSPHOR LAMP.

Doctor dives behind boulder

THE DOCTOR HAS DUCKED BEHIND A LARGE BOULDER./

129. 3D MCS

Tractator

ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE BOULDER TWO TRACTATORS ARE ADVANCING CAUTIOUSLY WITH A SINISTER SHUFFLING SOUND.

130. 2E M/S

THE SOUND STOPS./

Doctor

THE DOCTOR LISTENS, THEN PEERS ROUND THE BOULDER./

131. 3

Tractator Zoom in to MCU

THEY ARE EXERTING FORCE ON THE BOULDER.

132. 2

Doctor and boulder

SLOWLY THE BOULDER BEGINS TO SHIFT, ROLLING AWAY FROM THE DOCTOR.

NO PAGE 11

NO SCENE 6)

Track R. with them

THE DOCTOR: Oh no.

(THE DOCTOR FOLLOWS IT, KEEPING IT BETWEEN HIM AND THE TRACTATORS)

133. 3 C/U

Tractators

134. 2 /

A/B

On the other hand ...
Just a touch of spin ...

(THE BOULDER GAINS SPEED HEADING TOWARDS THE TRACTATORS.

REALISING WHAT IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN THEY BACK AWAY IN CONFUSION, INTO A SMALL SIDE TUNNEL, BUT THE BOULDER CONTINUES TO HOME ON THE CREATURES.

Pan with boulder

THE BOULDER JAMS INTO THE SIDE TUNNEL, BLOCKING OFF THE TRACTATORS.)

135. 1 M/S /

Doctor on floor

Howzat.

Bring him up

(THE DOCTOR SMILES AND SETS OFF INTO THE TUNNEL HE CAME DOWN.

Hold shot as he exits

NO PAGE 13

(NO SCENE 7)

8. INT. THE TUNNEL SYSTEM. DAY 2.

216. L/S
Tegan

(TEGAN IS WALKING CAUTIOUSLY DOWN THE TUNNEL.

SHE LOOKS A LOT LESS CONFIDENT THAN WE SAW HER WITH NORNA AND MR. RANGE)

TEGAN: Don't tell me you're lost, Doctor. Because if you are ... so am I.

(JUNCTION COMPLEX)

9. INT. THE TUNNEL SYSTEM. DAY 2.

(THERE IS A
FAINT LIGHT
IN THE TUNNEL
AHEAD.

215. _____/ OUT OF THE
GLOOM THE
DOCTOR PEERS
AT IT)

Let Doctor in and
Pan him R.

THE DOCTOR: The proverbial light at the end of the tunnel!

(THE DOCTOR
BEGINS RUNNING
TOWARDS IT.

BUT AS WE
DEVELOP THE
SHOT WE SEE
THAT IN FACT
HE IS MAKING
VERY LITTLE
PROGRESS, FOR
SOME MYSTERIOUS
FORCE IS
DRAGGING HIM
BACK)

It's
Like walking through treacle!

Pan him to
floor

(HE TRIES TO FIGHT
IT, BUT SLIPS AND
FALLS ON HIS FACE.

THE LIGHT IS APPROACHING.

IT HERALDS TEGAN.

SHE TURNS THE CORNER, SEES THE DOCTOR AND RUNS TOWARDS HIM)

TEGAN: Hold on, Doctor. I'll give you a hand.

THE DOCTOR: No! Stay back.

(AS HE TRIES TO SCRAMBLE TO HIS FEET THE SAME MYSTERIOUS FORCE DRAGS HIM ALONG THE TUNNEL AWAY FROM HER.

TEGAN IGNORES HIS WARNING AND GRABS HIS HANDS, TRYING TO HOLD HIM BACK)

Tegan into 2/S with Doctor

It's alright, Doctor. I've got you,

TEGAN: Hey! What's happening?

(THE DOCTOR MANAGES TO STAND, BUT THE TWO OF THEM ARE NOW BEING PULLED TOGETHER DOWN THE TUNNEL)

THE DOCTOR: It's Some sort of gravity beam ... From the Tractators.

(SUDDENLY SHOUTING OVER HER SHOULDER)

No, No.

Stay back! Get everyone back to the Research Room.

219. L/S

Range

(lower angle)

(Doctor's P.O.V.)

(THE DOCTOR IS CALLING TO MR. RANGE, WHO HAS APPEARED AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL.

WE GLIMPSE HIS RECEDING FIGURE AS WE TRAVEL WITH THE DOCTOR AND TEGAN DEEPER BACK INTO:)

220. L/S

Range

stopping and retreating

1D

10. INT. A LARGE CAVE. DAY 2.

139. 1D / (THE DOCTOR AND TEGAN CLING TO EACH OTHER AS THE GRAVITY BEAM DRAWS THEM ACROSS THE CAVE INTO A TUNNEL ON THE FAR SIDE)

Doctor/Tegan into 2/S

TEGAN: Doctor! Think of something!

THE DOCTOR: Oh I am ... lots of things. nothing that quite fits ... the gravity of the situation ...

Let them out

1H

11. INT. THE TUNNEL SYSTEM. DAY 2.

(R/V AREA)

187. 1H 2/S / (TURLOUGH IS STILL IN HIS TRANCE-LIKE STATE, BUT HE HAS BEGUN TO TALK NOW.

Turlough/Norna

NORNA LEANS CLOSER TO HEAR WHAT HE IS SAYING)

TURLOUGH: My home ... Tractators. I have seen all this before ...

Range into 3/S

(MR RANGE APPEARS)

RANGE: Quick, we must go to the surface and get help.

NORNA: He's speaking, father. I think it's important.

Tighten

(MR RANGE STOOPS DOWN TO LISTEN)

TURLOUGH: They were there, waiting, destroying us from inside.

NORNA: It sounds like something coming up from his past. Like a memory picture.

TURLOUGH:
Once, long ago ... on my home.

NORNA: You remember them?

TURLOUGH: We remember them. The people of my planet ... will never forget ...

RANGE: It's More than his past. It sounds like deep ancestorial memory.

TURLOUGH: Tractators ... once, long ago, my home was ...

Zoom in to C/U Turlough

(DEEP NOW IN HIS TRANCE TURLOUGH SHUDDERS AT THE MEMORY)

An infection ...

12. INT. THE TUNNEL SYSTEM. DAY 2.

(SIDE VIEW)

228. 2/S /(THE DOCTOR AND TEGAN CONTINUE TO BE DRAGGED DOWN THE TUNNEL. THE FORCE IS PULLING THEM APART. THEIR HANDS SEPARATE)

Tegan/Doctor

Track back with them as they're pulled

THE DOCTOR: Give me that lamp.

(TEGAN THROWS IT TO HIM.

IT TWISTS THROUGH THE AIR IN A STRANGE, SWIFT ARC DISTORTED BY THE GRAVITATIONAL PULL FROM THE TRACTATORS.

THE DOCTOR ONLY JUST MANAGES TO CATCH IT)

TEGAN: What are you going to do?

THE DOCTOR: Wait until we're closer.

Let them out

4D

13. OUTSIDE STATE ROOM DAY 2.

276. 4D 3/S / (THE OTHER ORDERLIES HANG BACK AS BRAZEN APPROACHES THE ENTRANCE TO THE STATE ROOM.

Pan them L. to doors

3E, 1D, 2E,

14. INT. THE STATE ROOM DAY 2.

298. 1D M/S /(COCKERILL IS AT THE DEPUTY'S DESK. HE IS FILLING A CONTAINER WITH STOLEN FOOD)

Brazen

Pan him to 2/S with Cockerill

BRAZEN: You, Cockerill!

(BRAZEN HOLDS HIS CLUB THREATENINGLY UNDER COCKERILL'S THROAT)

This is looting, Anything to say?

299. 2E M/S COCKERILL: What? It's all over, can't you see that?

Brazen

300. 1 BRAZEN: For you, yes./

A/B

301. 2 M/S

Brazen

COCKERILL: For Frontios. Plantagenet's been eaten by the earth./

BRAZEN: Is that what they're saying?

15. INT. THE TUNNEL SYSTEM. DAY 2.

(SIDE VIEW)

229. 2/S / (THE DOCTOR IS FUMBLING WITH TEGAN'S PHOSPHOR LIGHT)

Doctor/Tegan

Track back with them as they're pulled

THE DOCTOR: Hold on!

Now ...

(FINALLY HE IS ABLE TO LOB THE BROKEN LAMP ALONG THE TUNNEL.

THERE IS A FLARE AND A HISS FROM THE END OF THE TUNNEL)

THE FORCE ON
THEM IS SUDDENLY
RELEASED.

THE DOCTOR IS CAUGHT
HALF IN AND HALF
OUT OF HIS COAT.

HE SHRUGS IT BACK
ON AGAIN AND DUSTS
IT DOWN)

Pan them to
their feet

THE DOCTOR: better get
out of here.

(AND THEY RUN
INTO THE SIDE
TUNNEL)

Let them out

1D, 2E

16. INT. THE STATE ROOM DAY 2.

(AS BEFORE)

302. 1D 2/S / COCKERILL: The line of leadership is destroyed and now it's every man for himself.

BRAZEN: Where do you glean all this information?

303. 2E M/S COCKERILL: It's common knowledge./

Brazen Common

304. 1 M/S BRAZEN: Knowledge? You sound like a Retrograde./

Cockerill

305. 2 COCKERILL: We're all Rets now, Brazen. /

A/B

BRAZEN: (TO ORDERLIES) Take him away.

(THEY EXUENT)

1D

17. INT. A LARGE CAVE. DAY 2.

136. 1D / (NORNA AND MR RANGE ARE HELPING TURLOUGH ON THROUGH THE TUNNELS)

Norna/Range/ Turlough into 3/S

Track back with them

RANGE: Steady, young man. Not much further to go.

NORNA: Wait a minute, father.

(NORNA HAS SPOTTED SOMETHING ON THE WALL. SHE SIGNALS TO HER FATHER TO BRING HIS LIGHT OVER)

Pan Norna R.

It's a map.

Let Range join her for 2/S

RANGE: That's Captain Revere's writing.

NORNA: Then That proves it! He must have known about the caves and tunnels.

RANGE: And more than that, perhaps.

NORNA: You don't suppose he knew about the creatures?

RANGE: He must have suspected something, if he was down this far.

NORNA: But why not tell the people of Frontios?

Turlough crosses in back of shot

RANGE: The conspiracy of silence! I've been collecting evidence all these years ...

NORNA: You don't think they're connected? The unaccountable deaths, and ... these creatures?

(TURLOUGH HAS STOPPED TO LOOK INTO THE BLURRED RIPPLED REFLECTIONS IN THE SMOOTH WALLS, MESMERISED BY WHAT HE SEES THERE. HIS VOICE COMES DISTANTLY)

Track in with them to 3/S with Turlough

RANGE: There is a connection. That girl Tegan told me she saw - come on, we must hurry.

TURLOUGH: The earth is hungry ... It waits to eat ...

NORNA:
He's forcing himself to remember ...

(TURLOUGH IS STARING -

SHUDDERING HORRIBLY)

TURLOUGH: I can see them ... They are the appetite beneath the ground.

4A, 3A, 6A

18. EXT. THE COLONY SHIP ENTRANCE. DAY 2

96. 4A 4/S inc. Brazen/ Cockerill / (COCKERILL IS STARING AT BRAZEN AND THE ORDERLIES WHO PUSH COCKERILL TOWARDS THE STEPS)

COCKERILL: You're letting me go?

BRAZEN: I don't need you.

(COCKERILL GOES TOWARDS THE STEPS AND TURNS)

Let Cockerill back to O/S 2/S with Brazen

97. 6A Cockerill COCKERILL: This Colony is finished. and everyone knows it ... except the ones who are too stupid to think for themselves. /

98. 4 M/S Brazen /

You've

99. 6 A/B BRAZEN: Enough food to last a few days ... What then? /

COCKERILL: I don't know.

100. 4 A/B /

BRAZEN: It's not easy living inside the system, but to live outside of it takes more than you've got. /

101. 3A M/S Cockerill

6D

(CONTINUATION OF SC. 18)

19. THE COLONY SHIP ENTRANCE. DAY 2.

(Door broken)

Pan him L.

(BRAZEN STANDS IN THE COLONY SHIP ENTRANCE WATCHING COCKERILL HURRY OFF.

102. 6D C/U / HE SEES, AS HE EXPECTED, A GROUP OF RETS FALL ON HIM AND SAVAGE HIM, MAKING OFF WITH HIS LOOT.

Fight

103. 4 M/S COCKERILL LIES INERT IN THE HIGH STREET) /

Brazen

BRAZEN: (TO THE ORDERLIES) leave him be. He's made his choice.

1D

20. INT. A LARGE CAVE. DAY 2.

137. 1D 3/S / Norna/Range/ Turlough

RANGE: We must get help.

NORNA: This may be the help we need, father. It's here that he remembers best. (TO TURLOUGH) You can see them, under the ground.
What are they doing?

TURLOUGH: Growing. Breeding. Spreading the infection.

NORNA: How do they do that?

TURLOUGH: I can't see it. There's a wall.

RANGE: An emotional block. Something he doesn't want to face.

NORNA: Try to get through the wall.

TURLOUGH: Black walls ... smooth ... they shine like glass ...

NORNA: You can see through glass. Look through it.

THERE IS A CRY
FROM TURLOUGH.

HE SHUTS HIS EYES
AND CRINGES AWAY
FROM THE VISION)

TURLOUGH: No, it's Evil! I can't ... look ...

RANGE: That's enough. We must get him out of here.

Pan them out R.

(MR RANGE AND
NORNA HELP HIM
OUT ALONG THE
TUNNEL)

6D

21. THE HIGH STREET DAY 2.

(Door broken)

104. 6D M/S / (COCKERILL LIES UNCONSCIOUS ON THE GROUND WHERE WE SAW HIM FALL.

Cockerill

SUDDENLY THE EARTH BESIDE HIM SLIPS, BREAKING UP INTO THE FAMILIAR WORM-HOLES.

3A

22. INT. EXCAVATION AREA. DAY 2.

23. 3A L/S / (MR RANGE AND NORNA ARE STRUGGLING TO GET THE PARTIALLY CONSCIOUS FIGURE OF TURLOUGH OUT OF THE TUNNEL)

Tunnel
Range/Turlough/Norna into 3/S

Pan them to shaft

BRAZEN: (OUT OF VIEW) Mr Range ... We've been waiting for you.

(MR RANGE AND NORNA LOOK UP TO SEE: BRAZEN AND HIS ORDERLIES ARE SURROUNDING THE RIM OF THE EXCAVATION AREA.

BRAZEN IS HOLDING THE "DISAPPEARANCES" FILE.

TWO ORDERLIES ENTER THE EXCAVATION AREA)

... I have a file here, Mr Range. It's contents amount to a charge of sedition. (TO THE ORDERLIES) Bring them along to the State Room.

Let two orderlies in either side of camera.

(NO PAGE 37)

(NO SCENE 23)

3A, 6D

24. THE HIGH STREET. DAY 2.

(Door broken)

105. 6D M/S /
Cockerill

(COCKERILL OPENS HIS EYES. HIS ARM IS NOW IN THE GROUND UP TO HIS ELBOW.

HE TRIES TO GET TO HIS FEET, BUT FOR ALL HIS STRUGGLES CAN'T EXTRICATE HIMSELF.

106. 3A G/S /

COCKERILL CAN LIFT HIS HEAD HIGH ENOUGH TO SEE A SMALL GROUP OF AWED RETS WHO HAVE GATHERED TO WATCH FROM A SAFE DISTANCE)

107. 6 /
A/B

COCKERILL: Help me ... please ... someone ... help me ... help me.

108. 3
A/B

(THE RETS DO NOT MOVE)

1E, 2F

25. INT. THE TUNNEL SYSTEM. DAY 2.

(RAW I)

140. 2F / (TEGAN AND THE DOCTOR RESUME THEIR EXPLORATION OF THE TUNNEL)

Doctor/Tegan into 2/S

TEGAN: If only we knew more about these creatures.

THE DOCTOR: I suspect Turlough can help us with that. As soon as we get back ... (THE DOCTOR BREAKS OFF) Get back!

TEGAN: I heard you the first time.

THE DOCTOR: Against the wall! There's more of them.

(THE DOCTOR AND TEGAN FLATTEN THEMSELVES AGAINST THE WALL. /

141. 1E

Tractator

(Doctor/Tegan f/g)

A TRACTATOR IS IN THE TUNNEL AHEAD OF THEM, REARING UP TO PROJECT ITS POWER TOWARDS THE ROOF)/

142. 2

A/B

TEGAN: What's it doing?

THE DOCTOR: I think there's someone up there it wants to get down./

143. 1 MLS

Tractator

Zoom into head

6D

26. THE HIGH STREET DAY 2.

(Door Broken)

109. 6D M/S / (COCKERILL IS STRUGGLING, HALF-BURIED FACE DOWN, AS HE SINKS INTO THE EARTH.

Cockerill

THE WORM-HOLES RIDDLE THE EARTH AROUND HIM)

COCKERILL: Help me!

1E, 2F

27. INT. THE TUNNEL SYSTEM. DAY 2.

(RAW I)

144. 2F 2/S / THE DOCTOR: I'm going to try an experiment ...

Doctor/Tegan

TEGAN: Too late. It's seen us./

145. 1E M/S

Tractator

(THE TRACTATOR HAS TURNED IN THEIR DIRECTION./

146. 2 2/S

Doctor/Tegan

THE DOCTOR AND TEGAN HEAD BACK THE WAY THEY HAVE COME AS FAST AS THEY CAN GO)

Let them out

3A, 6D

28. EXT. THE HIGH STREET (Door broken) DAY 2.

110. 6D M/S Cockerill /(RELEASED FOR THE MOMENT FROM THE TRACTATOR'S POWER, COCKERILL IS ABLE TO EXTRACT HIMSELF FROM THE CRUMBLING GROUND AND STRUGGLE TO HIS FEET.

HALF DEAD, HE STAGGERS OFF.

THE RETS SURROUND COCKERILL.

111. 3A G/S WE HEAR THE VOICE OF ONE OF THEM:)/

RET: He out-lived the hunger of the earth. A man who can do that can do anything.

3E, 1D, 2E

29. INT. THE STATE ROOM. DAY 2.

306. 3E W/S / Room

(MR. RANGE STANDS BEFORE THE TABLE, WEARIED TO THE POINT OF ANGER BY THE FORMAL QUESTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN DETAINING HIM.

BEHIND THE TABLE, DWARFED BY THE HUGE PORTRAIT OF CAPTAIN REVERE ON THE WALL SITS HIS PATIENT AND UN-RUFFLED QUESTIONER, BRAZEN'S DEPUTY.

SHE IS TAKING CAREFUL NOTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS, AND HER VOICE OOZES A CHILL FORMALITY THAT FOR THE MOMENT IS FORCING MR. RANGE TO KEEP HIS TEMPER.

OUT OF DEFERENCE TO THE MISSING LEADER, PLANTAGENET'S CHAIR IS LEFT EMPTY.

DISTANCING HIMSELF FROM THE PROCEEDINGS, BRAZEN IS PACING RESTLESSLY BACK AND FORWARDS PAST TWO OF THE ORDERLIES WHO GUARD THE DOOR.

TO ONE SIDE OF THE ROOM NORNA IS TENDING TO TURLOUGH. IN HIS MESMERISED STATE THE BOY SEEMS UNCONSCIOUS OF HIS SURROUNDINGS)

DEPUTY: Do I understand then, Mr. Range, that you admit to keeping private and secret medical records?

RANGE: I'm the Chief Science Officer.

307. 1D M/S — DEPUTY: Of course. / And these records purport in part to contain a history of 'mysterious disappearances'. /
Deputy

308. 2E M/S
Range

RANGE: The records are accurate, ever since our first arrival on this planet there

309. 1 — have been cases /...
A/B

DEPUTY: We all know the myths going about the place, Mr. Range. No need to

310. 2 — elaborate them here./
A/B

RANGE: (TURNING TO BRAZEN) But are they myths? That's

311. 1 Deep 2/S — the point! /
Brazen/Range

BRAZEN: Address the Deputy, Mr. Range. It's the facts we're after, not a

312. 2 — public debate./
A/B

RANGE: (TO THE DEPUTY) But these are the facts! Bodies of the dead that have not been recovered ... work personnel in the quarry unaccounted for. I even have one reliable eye witness account of a corpse disappearing

313. 1 M/S — into the earth. /
Deputy

(BRAZEN STOPS PACING)

DEPUTY: Quite. But for some reason you chose to keep these happenings secret./

314. 2 M/S

Range

RANGE: The State made them a secret. I merely collected the records./

315. 1 M/S

Brazen

(BRAZEN STRIDES OVER TO RANGE)

Bring him to 2/S with Range

BRAZEN: I'm a plain-speaking man, Mr. Range. You've been collecting this garbage in order to subvert law and order on Frontios. haven't you? Now admit it.

RANGE: (ADDRESSING THE DEPUTY) Plantagenet accuses me of that?/

316. 3 M/S

Deputy

DEPUTY: That is correct./

317. 2 2/S

Brazen/Range

RANGE: (PLAYING HIS TRUMP CARD) Then where is he?/

318. 3

A/B

(FOR THE FIRST TIME THE DEPUTY ALLOWS HIS MASK TO SLIP.

HE GLANCES UNEASILY ACROSS TO BRAZEN, WHO, HOWEVER, MAKES NO RESPONSE)/

319. 2

A/B

I know why he isn't here. The Doctor's friend told me what she saw in the Medical Shelter. Frontios "buries its own dead" ... that's what they say, isn't it./

320. 1 M/S

Deputy

DEPUTY: So runs the myth./

321. 2

A/B

RANGE: She saw that myth. She saw Plantagenet being "eaten by the earth"./

322. 3 Deep 4/S

Turloughf/G

TURLOUGH: "Eaten by the Earth".

NORNA TRIES TO QUIET HIM, BUT THE DEPUTY RISES TO HER FEET:)

DEPUTY: He has some contribution to offer?

TURLOUGH: They live in the ground below, pulling us to them in our times of weakness.

DEPUTY: (SITTING AGAIN) Please, we have work to do ....

TURLOUGH: Dead or alive, their forces tug at our bodies ...

Crab R. to 4/S

(BRAZEN GOES OVER TO TURLOUGH)

BRAZEN: What do you know about this?

NORNA: Leave him alone.

RANGE: He's in shock. He needs warmth and rest.

BRAZEN: And I need answers, Mr. Range. (TO THE ORDERLIES) Wait outside you two.

(THE ORDERLIES
LEAVE THE
ROOM)

(THE DEPUTY REMAINS
SEATED, SO BRAZEN
ADDS:)

323. 1 M/S

Deputy

BRAZEN:
Off the record, I think. /

324. 3 4/S /

(TO TURLOUGH) "They", you said. Who are "they"?

RANGE: I warn you as a medical man, he's in no state to be questioned.

BRAZEN: (ROUNDING ON MR. RANGE) You're out of order, Mr. Range! If there's a grain of truth in this story of yours, these are urgent matters of State. You expect me to delay the investigation because a young man is feeling delicate?

Tighten with
Brazen to
2/S with
Turlough

(BRAZEN SITS DOWN
BESIDE TURLOUGH)

The
Name's Turlough, eh?

(TURLOUGH NODS)

Well now Turlough. I want to hear all about this ...

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30. INT. THE TUNNEL SYSTEM. DAY 2

221. 2/S / (THE DOCTOR AND TEGAN PAUSE, OUT OF BREATH FROM RUNNING)

Doctor/Tegan

TEGAN: We've got to find the way out.

THE DOCTOR: (ENGROSSED IN THE WALL) Sometimes it's easier to look for the way in and then work backwards.

Let them come fwd into MLS

(TEGAN COMES TO STAND BESIDE HIM)

TEGAN: Come on, Doctor, we've seen all that. All these walls look the same.

THE DOCTOR: Ah, but they aren't.

(HE STOOPS AND PICKS UP A HANDFUL OF CHIPPINGS FROM THE FLOOR)

What do you make of these?

TEGAN: Just loose chippings.

THE DOCTOR: These chippings have been recently machined ... from these walls.

TEGAN: They have machines ...?

THE DOCTOR: And functionally sophisticated ones at that. They're creating an extensive and elaborate tunnel system. Oh insect-like they may be, but they're no ordinary insects. They have highly-refined powers of abstract reasoning. These Tractators must be very intelligent beings indeed.

Zoom out

2B, 4A

31. INT. THE CENTRAL CAVE. DAY 2.

35. 2B W/A /

Shot should be as wide as pos. for matting

THE GRAVIS MOVES TO A CAGE CONTAINING A PRISONER WE DO NOT YET IDENTIFY.

36. 4A Deep 2/S / Gravis/Plant f/g

GRAVIS: It is time we fetched this Doctor to us. Send ... the machine.

3E, 1D, 2E

32. THE STATE ROOM. DAY 2.

326. 1D 4/S / (BRAZEN IS PRESSING TURLOUGH WITH QUESTIONS.

fav. Brazen

NORNA AND MR. RANGE ARE RALLYING TO THE BOY'S DEFENCE)

Push back with him to 4/S

BRAZEN: Organised, intelligent ... Not much of an enemy profile. I want to know what they're about, and why.

NORNA: Please. He's in a state of shock.

RANGE: When deep ancestorial memory pictures break through the conscious mind like this, dangerous instabilities are created. Now leave the boy alone. If anybody's on trial here it's me. /

327. 3E MCU

Brazen

BRAZEN: Not a trial, Mr. Range ... a pooling of information. Something we should have done decades ago. /

328. 2E MCU

Range

RANGE: You had the chance.

BRAZEN: No ... because you had all the information locked up. If you had shown us that ... Captain Revere, who with his bare hands, held together this shambles we call Frontios ... could well be alive./

329. 3

A/B

330. 1 4/S

NORNA: Captain Revere knew about these creatures. He must have done.

NORNA: It's his fault! Why didn't he tell us?

BRAZEN: And add to the rumours and unrest? You can't broadcast socially sensitive information unless you're in control of the facts.

NORNA: But if we'd known for sure ...

BRAZEN: We'd have done what?

(NORNA CAN'T ANSWER, SO HE GOES ON)/

331. 3 MCU

Brazen

These "Tractators" that the boy talks about ... They explain to my satisfaction the unspeakable events we have

332. 2 MCU witnessed./

Range

RANGE: Not "witnessed", Brazen, if we're being particular about this. You and I have not actually

333. 1 4/S seen it happen. /

BRAZEN: I have, Mr. Range. Come with me ... I want to show you something.

Pan Brazen to door

 (ALL EXUENT)

33. INT. THE TUNNEL SYSTEM. DAY 2.

(JUNCTION COMPLEX)

212. _____/(THE DOCTOR WETS HIS FINGER AND HOLDS IT UP.

Doctor/Tegan into 2/S

TEGAN IS NOW VERY ANXIOUS TO GET OUT OF THE TUNNEL)

THE DOCTOR: You're never without a sense of direction while there's an air flow. Air flows from A to B. You usually want to be at B. Or at A.

TEGAN: I don't want to be at A or B, thank you very much. I just want to be out of these tunnels and back in the ...

(A MOMENT OF EMBARRASSED SILENCE.

TEGAN HAS TOUCHED ON A PAINFUL SUBJECT)

THE DOCTOR: Mmm ... Well, we can forget about the Tardis. It's probably scattered in little piece across the whole of Frontios.

See them exit up U/S tunnel

(HE DROPS A CELERY LEAF)

Yes ...

(HE MOVES OFF FOLLOWED BY TEGAN)

3 B

34. INT. THE RESEARCH ROOM. DAY 2.

162. 3 B 3/S / (BRAZEN IS SHINING A PHOSPHOR LAMP DOWN INTO THE EXCAVATION AREA.)

Brazen/Norna/ Range

BRAZEN: There! You see!

(WE SEE THE OUTLINE OF CAPTAIN REVERE'S BODY)

Pan up with them to 4/S with Turlough

RANGE: But the State funeral. We all saw the body.

NORNA: But not the face.

BRAZEN: Carcasses are plentiful enough on Frontios. There had to be a corpse just to keep public order.

NORNA: It was here he disappeared?

BRAZEN: Sucked into the earth, in front of my eyes. He was badly injured by the falling boulders and rubble, but he would have lived ...

(DURING THIS TURLOUGH HAS BEEN APPROACHING THE EDGE OF THE EXCAVATION AREA, DARING TO LOOK DOWN INTO THE EARTH HE DREADS.

HE SPEAKS IN A FARAWAY VOICE)

TURLOUGH: He may still be alive.

BRAZEN: Alive?

NORNA: What do you mean?

TURLOUGH: The Tractators need living flesh. They need minds ... as well as bodies.

2C, 4A

35. INT. THE CENTRAL CAVE. DAY 2.

37. 2 O/S 2/S / fav. Gravis
GRAVIS: The work of excavation is our task. Beneath the soil we can expand and populate the whole of Frontios. You understand? It is important that you understand.

38. 4 M/S Plantagenet
Speak./

(BY NOW WE CAN SEE THE PRISONER IN THE CAGE.

IT IS PLANTAGENET, VERY PALE AND WEAK.

39. 2 O/S 2/S A/B
PLANTAGENET: We will defeat your goal./

40. 4 M/S A/B
GRAVIS: You do not know our goal. I have described our means. Once we have full control of Frontios, our plans are only just beginning./

41. 2 M/S Gravis
PLANTAGENET: You are evil. We will fight you to the last./

42. 4 M/S

Plantagenet

GRAVIS: This is not a war, Plantagenet. It is a co-operation. You will see./

43. 2 M/S

A/B

PLANTAGENET: The Colonists of Frontios will never co-operate with you./

44. 4 MCU

Plantagenet

GRAVIS: But they do. We Tractators have devised an economical technology of excavation. But it needs a captive human mind to drive it./

PLANTAGENET: Captives? Slaves?

45. 2 M/S

A/B

Track back to 2/S with Plant.

GRAVIS: You will see,/you will see. Our old driver is nearing the end of his useful powers. But now we have another to take his place. Do we not, Plantagenet./

46. 4 MCU

Plantagenet

2 sec. Zoom in to C/U

(WE SEE THE HORROR ON PLANTAGENET'S FACE AS THE MEANING SINKS IN)

3D

(OUTSIDE STATE ROOM)

36. INT. THE COLONY SHIP CORRIDORS. DAY 2.

277. 3D 2/S / (BRAZEN STEPS OUT BRISKLY INTO THE CORRIDOR ADDRESSING THE DEPUTY)

Brazen/Deputy

BRAZEN:
I want five hand-picked men equipped for a below-ground sortie. We'll have a briefing in here within the quarter hour.

Pan them L. to doors

DEPUTY: Very good, Chief Orderly.

(THE DEPUTY SALUTES HIM AND MARCHES ON UP THE CORRIDOR)

37. INT. THE TUNNEL SYSTEM. DAY 2.

226. 2/S /(TEGAN AND THE DOCTOR ON THE MOVE)

Doctor/Tegan

THE DOCTOR: Wait! That's the sound!

Into M/S (THE DOCTOR PUTS HIS EAR TO THE WALL.

WITH HIM WE HEAR A STRANGE SCRAPING, THUDDING SOUND ECHOING DOWN THE TUNNEL)

TEGAN: (FRIGHTENED) What is it?

They return the way they came (THE DOCTOR TRICKLES A HANDFUL OF THE LOOSE CHIPPINGS THROUGH HIS FINGERS)

THE DOCTOR: The machine that did this. And it seems to be coming this way.

1B, 3B

38. INT. THE RESEARCH ROOM. DAY 2.

163. 1B / (A ROW OF PHOSPHOR LAMPS ARE ARRAYED ALONG THE EDGE OF THE DESCENT TO THE EXCAVATION AREA.

Turlough/Norna f/g
Brazen + troops b/g

HEAVY DUTY BOOTS ARE TRAMPING ACROSS THE RESEARCH ROOM FLOOR.

AS THE MEMBERS OF THE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE FILE IN THROUGH THE DOOR THEY HAND THEIR SHOTGUNS TO AN ORDERLY, WHO STACKS THEM UP IN A LINE AGAINST THE WALL.

EACH GETS A SHORT CLUB IN EXCHANGE.

164. 3B / THE VOLUNTEERS ARE THEN LOOKED OVER BRIEFLY BY BRAZEN ORDERLIES DESCEND INTO THE EXCAVATION AREA, EACH COLLECTING A PHOSPHOR LAMP FROM THE ROW.

Brazen + troops + Range

165. 3 / BRAZEN STOPS ONE MEMBER OF THE FORCE WHO IS STILL CARRYING A SHOTGUN)

Brazen/Orderlies

BRAZEN: That weapon's no good for tunnel work, Jensen. And I'll take the food rations, too. We're going to be privileged to sit down and eat with Plantagenet on our return.

Bring them fwd to Range

(HE HANDS THE GUN TO THE ORDERLY AND THE FOOD PARCEL TO NORNA, WHO PUTS IT ON THE TABLE WHERE THERE ARE OTHER RATION PACKS./

166. 1 2/S

Turlough/Norna

TURLOUGH IS SITTING AT THE TABLE WITH HIS HEAD IN HIS HANDS)

NORNA: You didn't let anybody down.

Let Norna out

TURLOUGH: It doesn't matter. It's not my sort of thing, anyway. Caves and tunnels, mooching about underground /...!

167. 3 2/S

Range/Brazen

(ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ROOM BRAZEN IS IN A HUDDLE WITH MR RANGE)

Norna into 3/S

RANGE: Not Turlough.

BRAZEN: We need someone who knows the terrain.

RANGE: His mental state won't be very reliable below ground. I'll come with you.

BRAZEN: I'd prefer you to stay here with your daughter. The Rets are on the rampage things could get nasty outside too.

NORNA: (JOINING THEM) I don't need looking after.

BRAZEN: All right, Mr Range. I'll accept your offer.

(RANGE KISSES NORNA GOODBYE)

NORNA: Take care.

(BRAZEN COLLECT UP HIS PHOSPHOR LAMP AND FOLLOWS MR. RANGE DOWN INTO THE EXCAVATION AREA)

168. 3 Low Angle /

Lamp f/g
Turlough into b/g

NORNA BEGINS TO UNPACK THE FOOD.

AT THE EDGE OF THE DESCENT ONE LAMP REMAINS.

FROM ACROSS THE ROOM WE CATCH TURLOUGH'S STUDIED INDIFFERENCE AS HE OUT-STARES ITS SILENT CHALLENGE)

39. INT. THE TUNNEL SYSTEM. DAY 2.

222. 2/S / (THE WHIRRING AND SCRAPING OF THE APPROACHING EXCAVATING MACHINE IS BECOMING LOUDER.

Doctor/Tegan

THE DOCTOR AND TEGAN ARE RETREATING DOWN THE TUNNEL, STUMBLING IN THEIR HASTE.

They dive out of shot

SUDDENLY THE DOCTOR STOPS AND PULLS TEGAN BACK INTO A SHALLOW NICHE IN THE TUNNEL WALL/

223. 2/S /

Doctor/Tegan

THE DOCTOR: Tractators, dead ahead.

TEGAN: This is ridiculous ... running round like rabbits in a hole in the ground. If you ask me ...

THE DOCTOR: Nobody is, Tegan. So shussh.

(TEGAN GLANCES OVER HER SHOULDER. BEHIND THEM THE EXCAVATING MACHINE IS COMING NEARER)

4B, 3B

40. INT. THE RESEARCH ROOM. DAY.2.

169. 3B Deep 2/S / (TURLOUGH IS STANDING BY THE LAMP, CONTEMPLATING THE DEPTHS OF THE EXCAVATION AREA.
Turlough/Norna

NORNA: Don't torture yourself. Nobody expects you to go back down there.

TURLOUGH: No Of course they don't. I'm Turlough.

(HE COMES OVER TO HER WITH BOTH HANDS IN HIS POCKETS.

THEN HE HOLDS OUT HIS HANDS AS FISTS, INVITING HER TO CHOOSE)

NORNA: What's this for?

TURLOUGH: Decision time.

(NORNA LAUGHS AND TOUCHES HIS LEFT

170. 4B C/U FIST./
Hand + coin

HE OPENS HIS HAND.

171. 3 2/S THERE IS A SMALL SILVER COIN IN IT)/

That's it, then. I'm going.

NORNA: No, don't be silly ...

TURLOUGH: (TOSSING HER THE COIN)
You can't argue with fate.

(NORNA LOOKS AT
THE COIN - IT
HAS A HOLE IN
THE CENTRE)

It's a two corpira piece. You
blow through the hole for luck.

(NORNA DISTAINS TO
BLOW THROUGH IT,
BUT HOLDS OUT HER
EMPTY HAND TO SHAKE
HIS)

(HE SHAKES HER HAND,
RATHER FORMALLY,
COLLECTS THE PHOSPHOR
LAMP, AND THEN CLAMBERS
DOWN INTO THE EXCAVATION
AREA.

NORNA LOOKS DOWN AT
HER HAND.

THERE IS A SECOND
COIN IN IT)

Norna:
Wait a minute ...!

(BUT HE HAS GONE.

SHE WEIGHS THE TWO
COINS IN EITHER HAND,
AMUSED AT HIS WAY OF
DOING THINGS.

Pan from Norna to hatch and see Ret. open it

NORNA DOES NOT NOTICE THE HATCH IN THE ROOF INCHING OPEN, AND THE HUNGRY EYES OF THE RETS GAZING DOWN THROUGH THE GAP AT THE TABLE OF FOOD)

41. INT. THE TUNNEL SYSTEM. DAY 2.

224. 2/S / (THE DOCTOR AND TEGAN ARE PRESSED INTO THE NICHE IN THE TUNNEL WALL, TRAPPED BETWEEN THE TRACTATORS AND ONCOMING EXCAVATING MACHINE, WHOSE APPROACH, AS WE CAN HEAR, IS IMMINENT)

Doctor/Tegan

THE DOCTOR: Excavating machine or Tractators. Take your pick.

TEGAN: After you!

(HAND IN HAND THE DOCTOR AND TEGAN MAKE A DASH IN THE DIRECTION OF THE TRACTATORS.

BUT THEIR BID FOR FREEDOM TAKES THEM OUT INTO:)

3B, 2C, 4A

42. INT. THE CENTRAL CAVE. DAY 2.

47. 4A W/S — Cave - looking to cam. L. of set

(WHERE THEY FIND THEMSELVES SURROUNDED BY TRACTATORS)

48. 2C 2/S — Doctor/Tegan

DOCTOR: Bit of a problem this Tegan.

(BUT AS THEY TRY TO RUN BACK THE WAY THEY HAVE COME, THEIR MOVEMENT SLOWS INTO SLOW MOTION, PULLED BACK BY THE GRAVITATIONAL POWER OF THE TRACTATORS.

They back out of shot

THE SCRAPING, THUDDING SOUND OF THE EXCAVATOR BUILDS IN THE TUNNEL.

49. 3B 2/S — Doctor/Tegan

TEGAN STARES IN HORROR AT WHAT SHE SEES APPROACHING:

50. 2 — Machine emerging out of tunnel

THE TRACTATORS' EXCAVATION MACHINE EMERGES FROM THE TUNNEL: METAL CUTTER AND DRILLING GEAR EXTEND FROM THE FRONT.

51. 3 2/S — A/B

52. 2 — Machine (coming to rest)

BENEATH THE CUTTERS, A SHADOWY FIGURE APPEARS TO BE WIRED INTO WHAT LOOKS LIKE AN OPEN COCKPIT.

53. 3 2/S — A/B

TEGAN: It's ... horrible! It's a corpse!

THE DOCTOR: Not exactly! There's a living mind enslaved in the middle of all that! /

54. 2

Front of machine

(AS THE MACHINE APPROACHES WE SEE AT ITS HEAD, STILL LIVING BUT IN A FEARFULLY WASTED STATE, THE PATHETIC FIGURE OF:-)/

55. 3

A/B

TEGAN: That face ... I recognise it from somewhere!

THE DOCTOR: It's Captain Revere! /

56. 2

Front of machine

Zoom in to Revere

(END OF EP. 3)